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For President,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
OF NEBRASKA.
For Vice-President,
ADLAI E. STEVENSON
OF ILLINOIS.
For Congress,
HARRY L. MAYNARD.
NOT A MATTER OF FORM.

Here is the Charlotte Observer, of all newspapers pretending not to understand the Democratic contention as to Imperialism. It says:

"There may well be differences of opinion as to the manner in which to deal with the territory in the far East, which has come to us through the fortunes of war, but the American people have become suddenly and unaccountably timid if they are to be frightened on account of these problems, by a fear that their form of government is to be changed. As to this they would have something to say themselves."

Nobody contends that the Republicans contemplate any sudden or immediate change in the form of our government; nobody asserts that if we keep on killing Filipinos because they claim the right to govern themselves that Congress will become a superfluous body to be dealt with as Taylor dealt with the Kentucky Legislature; nobody supposes or pretends to suppose that should Mr. McKinley be re-elected about six weeks hence he will formally set up shop as an Emperor or place an order with Tiffany for a crown.

It is not in the least necessary to do any of these things to realize the worst prophecies of the Democratic party. We can get evils a plenty from Imperialism, a grinding tyranny included, without any "change in the form of our Government." It is only necessary to accomplish these results; the form does not greatly matter.

Nobody knows better than the Observer that our institutions have nothing of permanence save in so much as they are an expression of the creed of our people. Society is not crystallized, it is in a state of flux. Change its beliefs and you change it. Therefore, the Democratic protest against the McKinley doctrine that men may govern other men without their consent; against practicing government without the consent of the governed until from sheer use and familiarity our people shall come to believe that such government is entirely just and proper. Will the Observer deny that when this shall come to pass a long step toward the downfall of the Republic will have been taken? Does it believe that the Republic as we know it can survive if its creed be revised to read: "Governments do not derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," and then by example and practice this creed be ingrained in our people? Will it deny that, to a degree, this must follow from the course in which this nation is presently being guided?

The American people are Democratic, but they are greatly less Democratic than they were fifty years ago. What the Republicans are proposing to do is to accelerate this un-Democratic tendency by the repudiation of that principle which lies at the very root of all Democracy. To do so is to contrive the destruction of the Republic as it has hitherto existed. It does not matter whether the final result of such a policy falls out twenty-five or fifty

years hence. Its dangers are plain, its burdens we are already beginning to feel, and the workings of its insidious influences are already manifest among our people.
You can't have a Democracy with an un-Democratic people as your material, and Imperialism will make Americans un-Democratic.

BEFORE THE CHICKS ARE HATCHED.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, says that State will give its electoral vote for McKinley and Roosevelt. In view of the recent Democratic majority of 60,000 this may appear strange, even ridiculous to many. Mr. Pritchard gives as a reason for the confidence that he alleges is in him that "an amazing revolution is going on among the business men of North Carolina." He declares that "on every question now before the American people they are Republicans; both their sympathies and their interests lie with the Republican party." He had in his pocket "letters from a hundred or more prominent Democratic business men all over the State asking for a conference as to the best means of getting out a full vote for McKinley." The Senator, of course, concludes with the proviso that the Republicans will carry the State if the Democrats don't steal it; no speech, interview, letter or other utterance of a Southern Republican would be complete or intelligible without that peroration.

Senator Pritchard may be right, and we would not be understood as questioning his statement that letters from a hundred prominent Democrats, who are for McKinley, weight his inside pocket, though it is worth while to observe that prominence is a relative term, and that politics and fishing go by contraries—the biggest fish always get away, but the biggest men are those we safely land. However, our confidence in this "amazing revolution" that Senator Pritchard has detected in the act of fermentation would be much stronger had he not been noting as the advance agent of similar revolutions ever since he has been an inmate of the Senate. Revolutions have a way of being terribly disappointed. There is more fizz and less substance in the average pre-election political revolution than in anything that has thus far been invented. And we are decidedly of the opinion that Senator Pritchard's latest revolution is below rather than above the average.

Some Republican sentiment there undoubtedly is among Democrats, not only in North Carolina, but in every Southern State where cotton factories have sprung up. In 1896 many bankers and merchants, who were not of protectionist proclivities, either left the Democratic party or were cooled in their allegiance by the issue of that year; but everything goes to show that the movement toward the Republican party reached its high-water mark four years ago, and that the tendency is now back to the Democratic party.

The South is for trade expansion; it is not for Imperialism. The Democratic party is for trade expansion; it is not for Imperialism. The South has had a taste of Imperialism, and the dose was no where more bitter than in the Old North State. The people of that commonwealth have not forgotten its meaning, nor are they likely to forget or forgive the fact that every spell-binder of the Republican party, including its candidate for the Vice-Presidency, is presently engaged in pointing political morals wherein the people of North Carolina figure as monsters of fraud and oppression.
The Republicans carry North Carolina? Not much; the carpet-bag propaganda will not appeal to the people of that ancient commonwealth any more than to Virginians. Senator Pritchard should let his political incubator simmer a while longer before counting his chicks.

NO POLITICS IN THE STRIKE.

The strike of the coal miners is but partially inaugurated, and yet Mr. Bryan is already using it as a political weapon. He has seized it with avidity. Was he expecting it? Has the strike a political side? Has it been engineered for the purpose of benefiting Mr. Bryan's candidacy?—Washington Star.

That Mr. Bryan and other Democrats should use the strike of the anthracite coal miners "as a political weapon" is both natural and legitimate. The Republican party has made "the full dinner pail," jointly with the rough rider hat, their emblem in the campaign. They have contended that prosperity has come to the country through the administration of the government by Republican statesmen, and that the workingman has shared to the full in that prosperity. This they have made the basis of an appeal for the labor vote. It is to be expected, then, when 100,000 laborers go on strike at once against starvation wages that Democratic campaigners and newspapers should forbear to point out that the incident explodes the Republican fairy of "the full dinner pail." Such a course would doubtless be more comfortable for the Republican party, but it would be a display of generosity that would be wasted on men whose style of campaign is to brand their opponents as cowards, traitors and anarchists. The anthracite coal miners embrace nearly one-sixth of all organized laborers of the country, and they declare that, so far from being full, the dinner pail was never so empty as now.

The insinuation that the strike was "engineered for the purpose of benefiting Mr. Bryan's candidacy" is worthy of a partisanship that is at once blind, rancorous and unscrupulous. To assume that 100,000 prosperous workmen could be induced to quit work and endure the unspeakable hardships attendant on a strike, with its

enforced idleness, want, and misery, to benefit any man's candidacy, is "fally beyond words. Men do not take food, scant though it be, from the mouths of their families to help along a political canvas. It is curious that any newspaper should believe itself equipped with a clientage that could be influenced by such a canard."

The strike of the coal miners has laid "the full dinner pail" pipe-dream up for repairs. That Republican organs and spouters should raise is natural, but it is certain that attempts to show that the wicked Democrats are at the bottom of it all will not help the Republicans. In asserting that Democratic orators can persuade men that they are starving when in reality their dinner pails are full, the Star does them too much honor.

In his letter of acceptance Roosevelt says that if sovereignty were conceded the Philippines "they would simply be put at the mercy of a syndicate of Chinese half-breeds, under whom corruption would flourish as it never did under Tweed." Now wherefore Tweed? Why not Messrs. Neeley, Rathbone et al.? Were they not a sure enough syndicate and did they not do a little in the corruption line? Teddy goes to history entirely too ancient for his examples.

The Democratic orators have indulged in some top-heavy rhetoric in their efforts to attack the full dinner pail. After all is said, a full dinner pail is more to be desired than an empty one. Even high-strung orators have to eat.

They don't all want a dinner pail, though. There is Teddy, the Terror. He eats nothing but red, sizzling fire. What Teddy wants is a full brazer.

Hon. Potito Pingree, having announced that he will "hold his nose and vote the Republican ticket," the campaign committee should guard against accidents by supplying him with a clothes-pin.

We gather from the press of that city, that Philadelphia is not under the collar at the quality of "government" without the consent of the governed," recently administered by the heels of Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay.

Hon. Joseph Benson Forester says the conditions in Maryland "are fine for the Republicans," and that there are "no danger spots" in the country. Now, will Hon. Mark Hanna dry his tears?

In Florida the paramount issue is "Where shall the State Capitol be located?" That sort of issue has a reputation for paramountcy.

Whatever we may think of the full dinner pail, there is nobody who will dispute that the full patriot will shortly begin to do a little business.

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